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BUILDERS' QUESTION BOX

By OSCAR G. KNECHT
Chief Building Inspector

Q. It may not be my business but I think you should know. A certain woman is bragging about getting by with a certain piece of questionable construction by having more or less prominent persons, including several in office, write or telephone to prevail upon you to let the questionable construction stand. She conveys the impression that you are picking on her and then brags to two or three, confidentially, how they fall for her line. **Mrs. Mum.**

A. I know the very woman you mention. Will say she did not get away with it nor will she get away with what she intends to erect in the next few days. How she can solve over prominent and supposedly intelligent men and get them unwittingly to intercede for and try to assist her in getting around the law is more than I can understand.

Q. We are bothered with snakes and spiders. They are under the house, in the attic and I am scared and very much worried. Why don't you see that the builder closes all holes and crevices when he builds? Now what shall I do about the snakes and spiders? **Mrs. I. M. O.**

A. We have no law which would permit us to compel the contractor to close all holes and crevices. If the snakes are not rattlesnakes and the spiders are not the black widow type, I wouldn't worry nor become frightened. With a few exceptions spiders and snakes are beneficial to mankind. Spraying the haunts of the snakes with kerosene will discourage their return. Destroying the webs and spraying with insect spray will destroy or drive out the spiders.

Q. My concrete floor surface seems to be soft and dusty. It may be disintegrating. What can I do to harden the concrete surface? **Mutter.**

A. Try dissolving three pounds of zinc sulphate crystals to each gallon of water and mop the floor with this solution.

Q. The linoleum in the kitchen of our new home bulges up in the form of large shallow blisters. What causes this and will you please see that the contractor properly removes the bulges. **M. L. M., 5220 Georgia st.**

A. Your linoleum trouble is similar to that usually caused by more than a cement incrustation. Dirt or dampness from below. We have no jurisdiction over the layers of paper, consequently we cannot compel the contractor to [illegible]

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